

#### REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 6-9 and 11-27 remain in the case. Claims 5 and 10 have been cancelled without prejudice. Reconsideration on the basis of the above amendments and remarks below is kindly requested.

Replacement drawing sheets are submitted for the approval of the Examiner that show cross-hatching in Figs. 1, 4 and 5.

Section 112 concerns in claims 9 and 20 have been addressed.

Claims 1,6 and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 as being anticipated by Allen. Claim 1,2,4,10-12,16,21,23,24,26 and 27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 as being anticipated by Kupperman. Applicant has amended these claims to render them novel over the cited art.

#### Section 103 Rejections

Claims 3-5 and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over the references as applied to claim 1 and 4 above, and further in view of Bunge.

Claim 1 as amended recites generally cylindrical walls, while Bunge teaches conical shaped walls. Claim 1 further recites a pronounced taper from the walls inward to the base of the resealable unit. Bunge does not teach a resealable unit. Allen and Kupperman do not teach a releasable unit (i.e., the devices of Allen and Kupperman are not teach liquid tight seals).

Claim 2 as amended recites a circumferential recess in which the threaded cap holding leash is anchored. Among other features, this recess permits the resealable cap to mounted in a manner that maintains a generally flush exterior configuration. See for example Figs. 1 and 3-5 of the present application.

Claims 1,2,12,14-17,20,22-25 and 27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Piker in view of Allen.

Claim 1 has been amended to recite a cylindrical wall and taper configuration in a double walled polycarbonate container that is not taught or suggested by the cited art. Piker teaches a picnic jug formed of conventional plastic that has too many folds and bends to be made of a polycarbonate material (see, for example, drawing sheet 3 of 3 of Piker).

Claim 12 has been amended to include the limitations of allowable claim 19, thereby rendering it patentably distinct.

Claim 24 as amended recites the formation of the outer polycarbonate wall of separate top and bottom sections and joining the bottom section "to said top section at a mid region of said outer wall vertically between said resealable mechanism and the contiguous bottom of said inner wall." This limitation is not disclosed or suggested by the cited art.

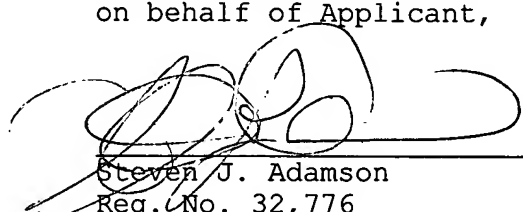
With respect to the remaining claims, Applicant submits that the remaining dependent claims are in a state of allowable due to their dependency from allowable based (and intervening) claims and/or due to their individual limitations.

In view of the foregoing Amendments and these Remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 1-4, 6-9 and 11-27 are now in condition for allowance and early notification of same is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference would help further the prosecution of this case, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the listed telephone number.

The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge underpayment of any fees (including any filing fees under 37 C.F.R. \$1.16 for additional claims and any patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. \$1.17 including any fee for extension of time) associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 01-0272. A duplicate copy of this authorization is enclosed.

Respectfully Submitted  
on behalf of Applicant,

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Drawing Amendments:

Replacement drawings sheets for Figs. 1, 4 and 5 showing cross-hatching as required by the Examiner are submitted herewith for the approval of the Examiner.